Lone Jack Branch Reopens, Rededication Ceremony on March 8

Library Completes Branch Renovations, Marks New Chapter with “Book Opening” Ceremony

Lone Jack, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of renovations at its Lone Jack Branch (211 N. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO 64070), which reopened to the public on January 7, resuming its regular hours (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). An official Rededication Ceremony will be held at the branch on Friday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m. and will include remarks from Library leadership as well as local officials, followed by a “book opening” ceremony—marking a new chapter for the branch—and reception.

“We’re excited to celebrate our branch reopening with the community,” said Naphtali Faris, Lone Jack Branch Manager. “Our new additions and upgrades will make the Library a stronger resource for Lone Jack.”

In addition to the Rededication Ceremony, the Lone Jack Branch will host an Open House on Saturday, March 9, which will kick off at 11:00 a.m. with live entertainment from magician Eric Vaughn, followed by refreshments and a selfie station. During both the Rededication Ceremony on Friday and throughout the day on Saturday, the Library will give away special commemorative tokens (one per person) that can be used one time to clear all Library fines and fees up to $10.

In addition, the Library will offer a mobile scavenger hunt through the free GooseChase app, which customers can participate in to qualify for a $50 gift certificate to Sonic. The Lone Jack Branch Scavenger Hunt will kick off at the rededication ceremony on March 8 and run through March 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Since the Lone Jack Branch closed on October 17, it has received a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including a new outdoor seating area, a wellness room that customers can use as a private space to address health needs, and upgraded technology, including new computers as well as improved Wi-Fi coverage and access.

As part of MCPL’s Capital Improvement Plan, the Lone Jack Branch is one of many Library branches to receive upgrades, which have been made possible by increased funding from the passage of Proposition L by voters in 2016. While the upgrades at each branch vary based on individual community needs and the building’s current condition, the Library’s goal has been to create more intentional spaces and improve essential technology. Design work for the five-year Capital Plan is being completed by Sapp Design Architects and Helix Architecture + Design with JE Dunn assuming responsibility for construction contractor management.

In addition to all the physical upgrades, the increased funding approved by voters in 2016 has allowed MCPL to expand branch hours, enhance special services, augment early literacy efforts, and buy more materials.
More information about the Lone Jack Branch’s reopening can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.

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